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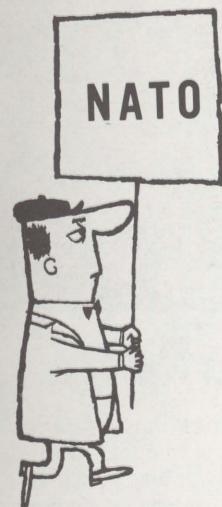
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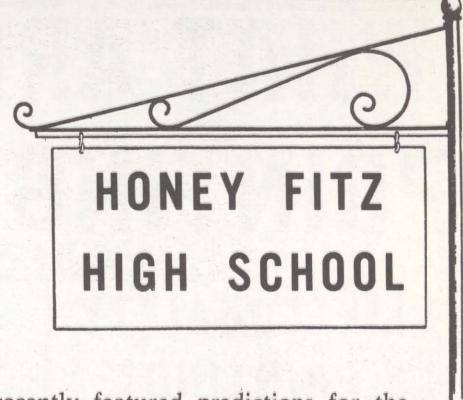
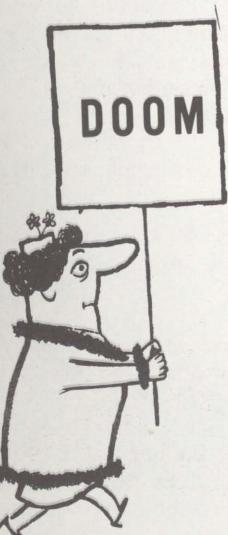


brugger's bucks

by Bob Brugger



**BUCKS
COUNTY -
1987!!!!**



A national magazine recently featured predictions for the next twenty-five years by famous world leaders . . . a composite picture of the year 1987 in the words of eminent men and women pretty much responsible for the mess we've made of '61. At the rate we're going, according to some of these experts, there won't even be a 1987! I take issue with that. By your leave, this issue of Panorama.

I speak only for Bucks County, U. S. A. It is my firm belief that if the snow plows haven't been able to find us the Commies won't either and we'll still be here. Twenty-five years from now I see the Bucks County courthouse surrounded by old and gracious trees, two of 'em. The new 611 by-pass will bring the Doylestown post-office closer to town . . . at the corner of Molloy and Wetherill in the Happlebachsville section of down-town D-town. Central Bucks will have become an elementary school and the new Honey Fitz High will cover a tract of land from Rushland to Edison to Castle Valley with Lower State Road set aside for Federal Aid to Driver Education. (It was the best we could do; Montgomery County got the Schuylkill Expressway.)

NATO, the Newhope Antique Trader's Organization, will recognize Doylestown in 1987 and Route 202 will be an unbroken stretch of "ye olde antiques shoppees" border to border. Much sought after collector's items will include Nixon buttons, primitive electric can openers, ceramic roll-on deodorant dispensers and counterfeit twenty dollars bills, circa 1961. Covered bridges having had their final day, there'll be a special showing of Early Bucks fall-out shelters, painted by local artists, at New Hope's Gallery Megaton 10. Jerry Callahan's immortal painting of "St. John Terrell Crossing The Delaware" will hang in Rex Brown's Monument Library, Doylestown, a branch of the Free Loading Library of Philadelphia.

Efforts at water conservation will have become so successful that the Steel Pier will have moved from Atlantic City to the beaches of Keller's Church. "Maid of the Mist" cruise ships will take breathless tourists on the two-hour ride beneath the falls at Stover's Park. Deep sea divers will be responsible for the archaeological find of 1987: the Haycock Mountain! twenty-thousand leagues beneath the Governor Lawrence Seaway. (Home-buyers should be fore-warned to ask, "Up to where?", when the real estate salesman says the house in Upper Bucks has a *full* basement.)

"Son of the Devil in Bucks County" will appear in 1987 and Michener's "The Bridge at Point Pleasant" will be big coast to coast: the Gobbler's to Byram, N. J. Song hits of the year will include "Green Eyes or I'm Looking Over The Rest of Bucks County That I Over-looked Before" and "Three Coins in the Fountainville Parking Meter". Double bill at the Bucks County Fly-In: "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" and "Grandmother Did The Twist". There'll be a three-day work week and just after Quill Day, the first Monday in September, Santa Claus will come to town in *next* year's new cars. The cars, themselves, will come equipped with everything except the neighbor's kid to help you put the chains on comes winter. (With all of the marvels of future life, scientists sure'n heck are gonna forget about *that!*) In twenty-five years we will have developed a clean hydrogen bomb. A *clean* hydrogen bomb is one that was owned by an old maid school teacher who only drove it on Sunday afternoons in the country.

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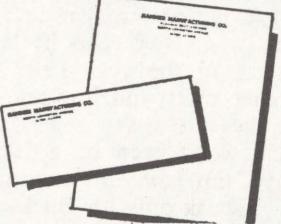
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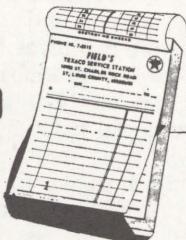


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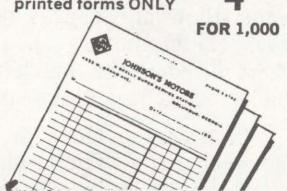
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An Editor Reminiscences

by C. Norman Detweiler

Editing a country newspaper is one of the most exasperating, yet one of the most interesting jobs in the world. It is fascinating, yet full of headaches—and many amusing incidents.

In addition to headline stories and local news, country correspondence is the one means of gathering the happenings in the rural communities. This is a must in every successful newspaper, but sometimes some of the material sent in is poorly written, sometimes questionable, but must be really bad if something of interest cannot be salvaged from it. Re-writing can be a tedious task in order to retain interest and make the news fit to print, and on occasions some of the articles submitted have to be deleted altogether, for obvious reasons.

An editor must be constantly on his guard against those persons who submit something they think as funny, but, which if printed, could cause no end of trouble, and might even lead to a libel suit. There was a time when such letters were a common occurrence, and when the editor refused to print them the sender usually got hopping mad and followed with another calling him all kinds of names. Anonymous letters, too, were a bane to the editor, and naturally they never got into print. But from the humorous items that came to my desk over the period of years, I would like to present some of the pickings from what I call "my barrel of fun." Except for a change in names and places, "to protect the innocent," I give them to you "in the raw" without correcting spelling, punctuation or sentence construction:

There ain't much news here this week. It seems we have the second blizzard and it don't look as if Spring wasn't far off. The roads are closed again at some places.

The roads that were opened last week were on Monday again drifted with snow that some didn't get out with their cars for a few days.

Mrs. Furman is suffering from a sore on her right foot. She wore a shoe with nails hurting her feet but thought nothing of it at the time. Now it's serious. The big toe got black and the doctor is looking at it.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caudle and children spent Sunday at the theological garden in Philadelphia.

Edward Edwards who fell in his yard was taken to the hospital where he suffered head injuries.

Benjamin Black lost a valuable cow by eating a horse-shoe nail.

Happy Hollow Grange will put on a contest starting at the next meeting between the men and the women. It will be for the best attendance, the losers to make a meal to satisfy all those present at the close. Men, come out and show your colors, the women will show theirs.

Some of our poultry raisers say the chickens ain't doing anything they did a year ago this time.



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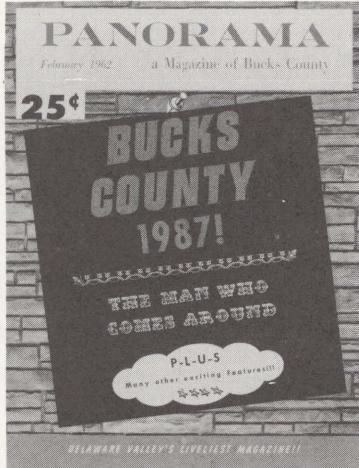
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OUR COVER



A departure from our regular cover, this month's cover utilizes the old poster style announcement that was popular in the last century. We would like to hear your comments on this change.

WILL SUCCESS SPOIL PAUL BECKERT?

We are rather disturbed at the "Moscow type purge" now being attempted in the Bucks County Republican Committee. The two factions involved in the fracas are the "old guard," represented by present county chairman Fred Ziegler, and the "GOP New Frontier", represented by District Attorney Paul Beckert. Charges and counter charges fly back and forth, and the whole thing has the makings of a three-ring circus.

The "GOP New Frontier", headed by Beckert, charges that Ziegler has been "playing footsie" with Boyer. (Chairman of the County Commissioners, Edward Boyer.) Beyond that, there seems to be no other charge. Boyer was involved in the celebrated case last year that Mr. Beckert was unsuccessful in prosecuting. (Perhaps he still smarts from his defeat.)

Let us examine the record. Fred Ziegler took the Republican party from its lowest ebb in more than a century, and through his genius of organization, his brilliance of mind, and his plain political shrewdness, rebuilt the Bucks GOP into a tightly knit, smoothly operating, and most importantly to the party, a politically successful organization! He was in part responsible for Mr. Beckert's successful climb in politics, to where now, Mr. Beckert claims the right to Ziegler's job.

Mr. Beckert is a brilliant lawyer, and an outstanding DA. His personal charm reflects a magnetism that attracts votes from both sides of the political registration fence. However, we question whether Mr. Beckert could handle the job. A County chairman must be all things to all people. He must be a diplomat and organizer, a fund raiser, a spokesman and must be willing to devote his life, 24 hours a day to the party.

We feel that the County District Attorney has more than enough to keep himself "busy" running his office and seeing that the law of the land is held high. He would not

EDITORIAL COMMENT

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Everyday, it seems, a group of people get together and look for projects to help the community. Almost one year ago in this column we urged the erection of signs at the four entrances to Doylestown, letting folks know that this is our town and we are proud of it.

Reaction to our editorial was immediate. "Long overdue", "needed", "good idea" were the remarks. The Chamber of Commerce officially endorsed the plan last fall and voted \$40.00 of the \$400.00 needed annually for the signs. Through the efforts of George Carver, two other service clubs pledged \$40.00 annually. They are the Doylestown Lions Club and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Thus \$120.00 of a \$400.00 goal has been reached. All of the service groups have been contacted, most have discussed it and thus far the Lions and the Eagles are the only ones interested enough in our town to aid in the financing of the signs. Is it that everyone else just doesn't care or have any pride in Doylestown? We hope not.

If you are a service club member why not talk it up at your next meeting. The approved sign is shown below. Let's get on the ball and get the signs up!

"Going to the Dogs"

We Bucks Countians are a wealthy lot indeed! In "Around Town" this month we read that one township in the county boasts of 41 millionaires. Well, people, look out, the animals are gaining on us! Last fall, an Upper Bucks County man's will provided a large hunk of cash for the care of his pet. Now we hear of "Peppi", the Doylestown township French Poodle who was left a \$150,000.00 trust fund. Unfortunately for "Peppi" she can't "blow all the dough" on a fling to the Riviera or Paris, she will receive the money at the rate of \$50.00 a month for as long as she lives. (We know plenty of people who live on less!)

Naturally a human can get very "attached" to a pet, but wouldn't it be much better for all animals to have willed the money to the SPCA so that hundreds of dogs, cats and other animals might benefit?

Oh well, I guess there's no point in being practical these days!

have the time or energy to do the job as it needs to be done.

We also feel that "cops and politics" do not mix too well, and that perhaps there might be a kind of "conflict of interest" at some future date.

Mr. Ziegler has demonstrated in the past that he is one of the ablest administrators that the local GOP has seen in many years, perhaps since its founding. Mr. Beckert has proven himself a charming, likeable district attorney, hardly the qualifications for such a demanding job.

If the GOP wishes to maintain the present lead it has in Bucks County, in face of growing Democratic opposition, it needs a man of undying devotion, a man of proven capabilities, a man of mature judgment, and a man who knows how to fight to win! The Bucks GOP has such a man, in the person of Fred Ziegler!

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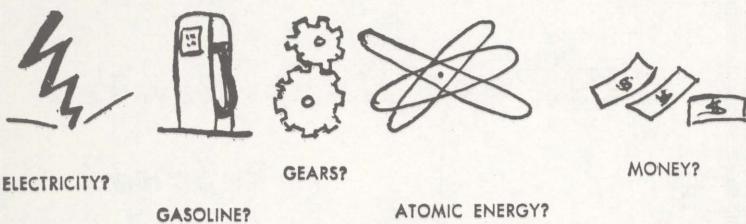
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A note from Mrs. VERA LIEUPU tells us that the Christian Women's Club, a National Association of Women, meets for luncheon once a month in Doylestown. An interesting program is planned for each luncheon and all are welcome. For reservations please call Fillmore 8-2211.

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CHARLES R. WITMER of Sellersville was re-elected to a second one-year term as chairman of the Bucks County Planning Commission at a recent meeting. A MARLYN MOYER, President of Trevose Savings & Loan Association, was elected vice-chairman, and Mrs. ELINORE R. RIDGE was elected as secretary.

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Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. RALPH BOWMAN and Mr. & Mrs. HERB HALDEMAN who celebrated wedding anniversaries recently.

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Don't forget our friend FRED BIGELL who is collecting used Christmas cards for use in hospitals, homes, etc. Don't throw them out. Take your Christmas cards to Watts Price Shoe Repair Shop on E. State Street, town, where Freddie will pick them up.

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DAVID P. MYERS, Doylestown, R.D. was among the outstanding State F.F.A. youths to receive the Keystone Farmer Degree at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, Harrisburg, in January.

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TABOR HOME, south of Doylestown, is no longer receiving state aid. How come?

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DON'T FORGET the Doylestown Lions Club is sponsoring "Minstrel Varieties," a minstrel show, on

February 16 and 17th at Lenape Jr. High School. Get your tickets from any Lion, or call JOHN WELSH or FORREST SOWERS. Should be fun!

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DID YOU KNOW movie actor JIMMY STEWART has a sister living in Erwinna? She's MRS. MARY PERRY!

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The Doylestown Kiwanis Club sponsored "Circle K Club" at Delaware Valley College, recently received its charter.

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At their annual meeting, the Central Bucks Joint School Building Authority elected and appointed officers and staff for the coming year, and readied itself for the next construction project — a secondary school on the Central Bucks site on Moyer Road, Chalfont.

Elected officers for 1962-63 are: Chairman, STEPHEN B. BUZZARD; Vice-Chairman, CHARLES A. PETERSON; Secretary, DAVID W. GORDON, Plumstead Township; Treasurer, NORMAN WILLIAMS, Chalfont; Assistant Treasurer, ROGER S. FUNK, Buckingham Township; Assistant Secretary, JOHN KENWORTHY IV, New Britain Borough. Other members of the nine-man Authority are HORACE J. BANNISTER, Doylestown Borough; JAMES P. NUNEMAKER, Doylestown Township; and MYRON G. THOMAS, Warwick Township.

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JOHN JUSTUS BODLEY recently took office as president of the Doylestown Country Club.

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Conratulations to JOHN & MARY STILTZ on the birth of their first child, **Lynne Elizabeth**, on January 3. The mother and child are fine but "the old man" is a wreck!

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Mr. HARVEY PORTNER, an English teacher at Central Bucks High School, recently had the honor of being chosen for recognition in "Who's Who in the East." Who's Who in the East is a biographical dictionary of noteworthy men and women of the middle Atlantic and

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Northeastern states in the field of education.

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TAMENEND Junior High School, Warrington, is considering the establishment of a foreign exchange student program.

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**BARBARA...
ENGAGED**

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH R. KENNY, of Main and Broad Sts., Doylestown, announced the engagement of their daughter, BARBARA, to Mr. RICHARD MARTIN DOMMEL, son of Mrs. J. KENNETH KRYDER, of New Holland, Pa., and Mr. RICHARD L. DOMMEL, of Ephrata, Pa.

Barbara is a graduate of Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont, and is presently on the Staff of Arthur Godfrey, Columbia Broadcasting System, New York City. In New England theatrical circles, she scored numerous hits in summer stock and night club appearances. In "The Follies of Yesterday," she played the role of Miss Irene Castle at the Bradford Hotel Roof in Boston, and drew fabulous reviews.

Mr. Dommel is a graduate of Penn State University, and is attending the Graduate School there, majoring in food technology.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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The TRIANGLE SQUARE DANCERS CLUB, which meets regularly on the first and third Friday nights at the Square W Ranch Room on Creek Road, R.D. #1 Doylestown, is seeking new experienced Square Dance members. Anyone interested in Square Dancing as a hobby is invited to the next meeting. For information call VERN WERSLER, Fl 8-9747 after 5:30 p.m.

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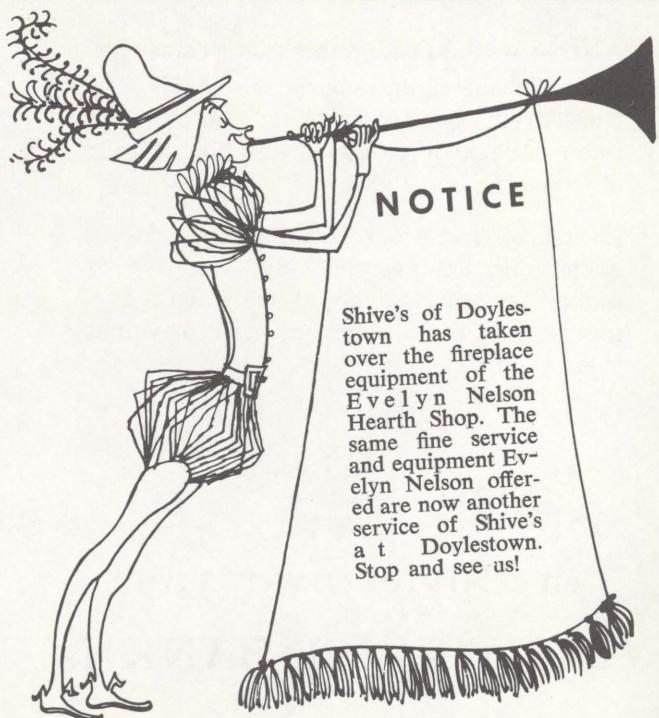
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Dr. RAYMOND D. TICE was re-elected Chairman of the Bucks County Board of Health for 1962 and Mrs. REBA C. GOEBIG, vice-chairman.

Happy Birthday to Dr. EDWARD LINEHAN and BILL BURNSIDE. Also belated Happy Anniversary to these local folks: Mr. & Mrs. GEORGE CARVER, Mr. & Mrs. BILL MATTHEWS and Mr. & Mrs. MILTON HALIN.

KARL M. BARTH has been appointed to the faculty of Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, for the spring semester to teach courses in the dairy husbandry major. Mr. Barth, a graduate of the College in 1956, will replace associate professor and department chairman ARTHUR BROWN has been granted leave of absence to complete studies toward his Ph.D. at Rutgers University.

We see where the Demos are trying to lure JIM MICHENER of Erwinna to run for Congress. If he does, then perhaps we can expect another book "Tales of South Bucks County."

More on politics. State Assemblyman ALAN D. WILLIAMS of Doylestown and State Assemblywoman MARGARETTE S. KOOKER of Quakertown are seeking reelection this fall to their posts in Harrisburg.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. BLAIR LIVEZY of Carversville on their recent "weddin'". Mrs. Livezy is the former PAT WOOLEY of Point Pleasant.

Speaking of "the Point", Lions International has formed a new Lions Club at Point Pleasant, replacing the former "Men of Tohicken". The club meets weekly at the "Gobblers" in Point Pleasant. Information about the club may be obtained from JOE BUTERA at AX 7-8988 or J. W. PARKER at AX 7-5301.

Three Central Bucks seniors, BILL BLOOM, THOMAS OBERHUBER, and LINDA OBERHUBER went to our nation's capitol on January 18, for the Interscholastic Senior H. S. Foreign Policy Conference. The trip is sponsored by the World Affairs Council, under the guidance of HERBERT C. MAYSON, Central Bucks Problems of Democracy teacher.

MORE FACTS — did you know that one of Bucks County's townships is "home" to 41 millionaires!!

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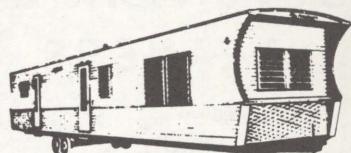
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DID YOU KNOW that Central Bucks High School has a chess team, and that it is undefeated at that?

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At the January meeting of the Executive Board of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials, EDWARD E. SHUMAKER, Jr., of Solebury Township, was unanimously appointed Chairman of the Civil Defense Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to act as Liaison between the Townships and the County Civil Defense Headquarters.

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A paper presented at the 1961 Spring Meeting of the Pennsylvania Catholic Round Table of Science by Mrs. JOAN PIGNATELLI, mathematics teacher at Tamanend Junior High School has been published in the December issue of the Duquesne Science Counselor, a quarterly journal of methods and information for teachers of science.

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LENAPE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL students voted to adopt the nickname "Vikings" for their school. This project was undertaken by the Student Council under the direction of CHARLES WALKER.

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GEORGE BURNHAM IV, Assistant Vice - President - East, United States Steel Corporation, was elected President of the Bucks County Industrial Development Corporation at its annual meeting at the Warrington Country Club recently.

Burnham succeeded Riegelsville banker and industrialist JOSEPH D. CEADER who, just last month, was elected Pennsylvania District Governor of Kiwanis International.

In addition to Burnham, other officers elected were: Vice-President, DANIEL H. ERDMAN, Chairman of the Board, Bucks County Bank & Trust Co., Treasurer, HARRY E. DANNER, Vice-President, Fidelity - Philadelphia Trust Co., Secretary, A. C. WILLEMSSEN, Managing Director Pomeroy's, Inc.

GORDON R. EXLEY, 2d, was re-appointed Executive Director and ROBERT W. VALIMONT, Esq. as the Corporation's Solicitor.

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A note from Mrs. ALDEN SMITH tells us that the Toastmistress' Club of Doylestown will hold a 7 p.m. dinner meeting February 21 at the Warrington Inn. The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. GEORGE RAMBEAU FOX of the Germantown Club. All are welcome.

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Bucks County music lovers anticipate another musical treat in the county's forthcoming Music Festival scheduled this year for Pennridge High School on March 2nd and 3rd.

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First Mortgage Loans on Shares	2,198.00
Share Loans	22,555.00
Interest in Arrears	1,593.18
Investments:	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	\$25,000.00
U.S. Government Securities	34,320.43
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Accrued Interest — U.S. Government Securities	59,320.43
Cash	5.20
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	262.71
Less — Allowance for Depreciation	148.36
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Prepaid Insurance Premiums	114.35
TOTAL	<hr/> \$1,422,750.28

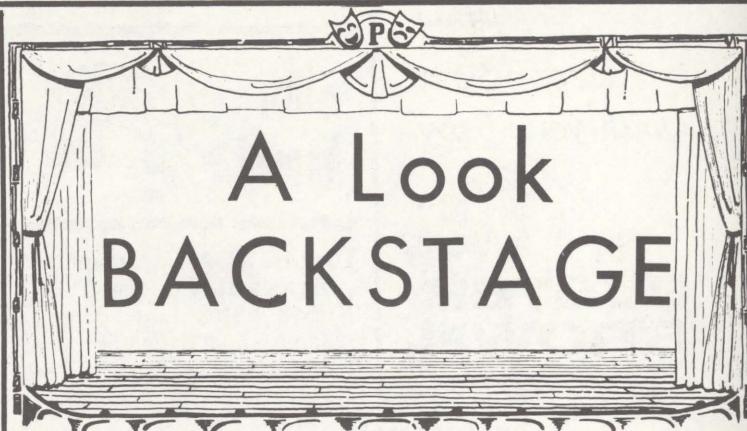
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

Due Shareholders:	
Full Paid Shares	\$713,600.00
Serial Shares	
(Paid-in Value)	\$447,117.00
Add—	
Dues in Advance	2,016.00
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Deduct—	
Dues in Arrears	2,213.00
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Profits Apportioned	106,048.63
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Participation Value	\$1,266,568.63
Loans in Process	10,879.00
Advances for Taxes, etc.	530.55
Payroll Taxes Payable	407.12
Conveyancing Fees Payable	215.00
Construction Loan Fees	84.00
Contingent Reserve (Exhibit C)	116,618.05
Undivided Profits (Exhibit C)	27,452.93
TOTAL	<hr/> \$1,422,750.28

EARNINGS-6.43 per cent

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by Mike Ellis

There are two major reasons why you decide to attend a certain play: you have either read newspaper reviews of it or a friend who has seen it recommends it to you. There are other possible reasons, such as an unusual title, a great star, a famous writer, or a special occasion, but these are the two major factors in attendance. Neither factor is predictable and both can be wrong. In the end you are faced with a gamble. It's the same gamble you face when you see a movie or even a TV show but the TV show is free and can be turned off at once and the movie is not expected to provide the same quality of entertainment as the play is anyway. Since the play is always more expensive, it follows that it must be more satisfying. When it is, it is by far.

People are always asking me whether the critics have any effect on the theatre. I always ask in return whether they read the notices. When say they do, I then ask them how long it has been since they have gone to see a play which got bad notices. They then understand that the critics have an effect on the theatre. Most people would rather die than be caught attending a play that didn't get good notices. They can watch sheer drivel for hours on end if it's on a TV screen, but imagine the embarrassment of having been seen coming out of a theatre where a bad play was showing! The fact that it might have been entertaining makes no difference. If the critics didn't like it, audiences are not supposed to and of course rarely find out whether they do or not.

Unfortunately, there are always exceptions to the rule and hard-bitten professionals

who have opened shows to unanimous pans from the critics always point to "Abie's Irish Rose" and "Tobacco Road" as examples of plays that beat the critics. None of them has ever actually read the notices of those two shows but a legend has sprung up which usually dictates that the producer throw more money into his play to keep it running so that the all-wise public will find it. It never does.

Or does it? When "Oh, Captain!" opened a few years ago, it got pretty bad notices from the New York critics and ran for three months on theatre parties. Two weeks after the last party it closed. When "Anniversary Waltz" opened to bad notices, it too had three months of theatre parties lined up. At the end of three months the show had generated such enthusiasm among its audiences that they had gone out and told enough people to build up future audiences that kept the show running for another year. Why one of these shows was able to do it and not the other is a mystery: It is easily explainable *after* the fact but no one could have predicted it in advance.

Another example closer to home was a comedy called "Send Me No Flowers", which inhabited the theatre that "Come Blow Your Horn" wanted. It opened to fairly good notices and a hopeful management poured money into a losing cause for five straight weeks while the theatre manager told us how funny the show was and how people were laughing their heads off at it and how the chances were that it would catch on and we'd have to find another theatre. Well, it didn't. But when

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HARVEST OF ICE

by

Marjorie E. Alliger

No longer is the cheery clatter of ice tongs heard, nor does the hoarse cry of "Ice for Sale" resound in the busy streets of Doylestown. The electric refrigerator has taken over and ice in chunk size pieces is available at the turn of a switch. No sensible housewife would dream of even trying to keep house without this essential piece of kitchen equipment. Forty years ago life was less mechanized

and the cutting and storing of ice was an important business. There were established ice routes and ice houses in every small town in Bucks County while boats or trains carried the ice to the cities.

When the days turned winter cold and the mercury dropped far below the freezing point and remained there, the ice crop began to form. Icemen prefer ice at least 12 inches thick but

Howard Hoffman of Sandy Ridge Road told me it was usually 5 or 6 inches thick when it was cut from the ponds and creeks around Bucks County. Cutting ice was a community undertaking and groups of local men would work together to harvest the big cakes.

A marker, consisting of a heavy wooden frame with metal spikes on the bottom, was drawn by a horse and guided by handles similar to those of a plough which were attached to one end. The spikes cut grooves in the ice about 3 feet apart. When all the lines had been marked in one direction, the horse and man then turned and cut lines perpendicular to those already scored, making the pond look like a great checkerboard. If the ice was very thick, ploughs would follow and cut the grooves deeper. The big cakes were then separated by means of saws and crowbars and either floated through a lane of open water to the icehouse or else they were loaded on sledges or wagons and drawn to the house.

The ice saws were about 8 inches wide and varied from 3 to 6 feet in length. The 12-inch round wooden handles were

mounted at right angles to the blade and had a double grip. The teeth of these saws were extra large, strong and easy cutting. The other type of saw used was the more familiar hand-saw. This form was convenient for one-man use when resawing of the ice cakes was required.

Ice picks were also in common use. They ranged from 6 to 9 feet in length and were two pronged: a sharp point to push and a curved one to pull.

Years ago there used to be a dam by the George Grove Mill on Upper State Road where it crosses the bridge. This was the spot where the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, then known as the Farm School, harvested their ice. A huge trough or shute made of boards was mounted at the breast of the dam where the ice had been cut. This shute extended to the streambed below. Wagons were backed up to the dam and the cakes of ice slid down the shute into them, to be carried away to the icehouse.

In Bucks County a typical icehouse was more underground than above. A hole 12



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The
Man
Who
Comes
Around

REMEMBER THE PEDDLER?

by

Peter Phelps



Ask any old timer if he remembers the peddler of yesteryear and you can see the memory reflected in his eyes almost instantly. Sure, he'll tell you . . . there was John Riegle and Benedict Saddler of Upper Black Eddy who were fishmongers. Riegle's tall figure could be spotted almost any day loping along the byways with strings of catfish, eels or suckers from the Delaware.

And there were the woodcutters of Upper Bucks who carried a pack of tools on their backs and sallied forth for a good day's work of cutting wood for anyone who had the need.

Most interesting of all, there were the medicine venders, the Kickapoo Indians, who plied their sales around Doylestown. There were two "Doctor" Indians, "Doctor" Long and "Doc-

tor" Fortner. As a forerunner to the sale of their remedies they gave a free entertainment in Lenape Hall at State and Main streets in Doylestown. Sometimes this show would be staged on stands erected in the plaza of the Fountain House.

It was feverish excitement as the drums beat and the shouts echoed through the dusk, eerily illuminated by oil-lamps. After the show the salesmanship began. Concoctions were passed around with promises of cures for everything from snakebite to cancer.

Since Philadelphia was a thriving medical center from earliest colonial days, the medical quack had a heyday in and around the city. One of the most famous in the early 1700s was Mrs. Sibylla Masters of Philadelphia who made "Ins-carora rice" out of Indian corn

"PEACHES"



"CHARCOAL"

and sold it as a cure for consumption. The product was ground in a mill outside of Philadelphia and from there it filled peddlers' packs until the whole countryside was ringing with the news of this great cure.

In 1745 a Frenchman came to Philadelphia. His name was Francis Torres. He brought with him a Chinese stone and mystic powders that he vowed would cure gout, toothaches, cancer, snakebites and even labor pains.

The early days of Bucks County were busy ones for the peddler whether he peddled a product or a service. It was a common sight to see the bent figure of a peddler carrying a trunk strapped to his back or one driving a cart along the

road rattling with brooms, books, pottery and even furniture. The peddler bringing a service was just as familiar and welcome. He might be a dentist, a preacher, an artist or even a dancing master!

One of the most famous itinerant artists who ever lived was Edward Hicks who dwelled in Newtown in a frame house purchased by his father Squire, Isaac Hicks in 1797. It stood where the Whitehall Hotel now is located. Young Hicks was a skilled hand at painting signs, decorating coaches and fireboards (used in front of fireplaces in the summer). In later years, he devoted himself to painting farm scenes for his neighbors. He peddled a handful of favorite landscapes which

he painted over and over and sold for over a quarter of a century.

There are over 80 paintings of his well-known "Peaceable Kingdom." His inn signs were scattered over every roadside in the county. His famous "Bird-in-Hand" sign he designed for the frame home of Tamar Cary still standing on the Main street of Newtown. He chose the famous adage of Benjamin Franklin . . . "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush . . ." as his theme for the sign and ever since the house has been called "The Bird in Hand."

Another famous peddler of Bucks County was the genius John Fitch who climaxed a life of various brilliant abilities by inventing the steamboat. Prior to that last life-consuming work of the steamboat, he was a brasswork and silverwork peddler as well as an itinerant clock-cleaner. His main product was brass sleeve buttons . . . a simple but enriching business.

He employed 20 apprentices to manufacture the buttons in his Trenton shop while he devoted himself to peddling them throughout New Jersey and Bucks County. He soon added silverwork to his line and thought nothing of carrying silver worth as much as 200 pounds. Within a few years he had made a tidy sum. Then the Revolution broke out and he gave up his button business to do gunsmithing for the Continental Army.

Among the most famous peddlers of the old days were the Pennsylvania Dutch artists. These German-born itinerant artists went from farmhouse to farmhouse painting dower chests, fireboards, furniture, utensils with their hearts and flowers designs of brilliant blues, reds, yellows, greens. Many did manuscript work . . . marriage and baptismal certificates, song books or family Bibles. Today their colorful and skillful art pieces are collectors' items.

How did the peddler get started in the history of our country? What became of him?

The peddler arose first in the New England settlements where right from the beginning manufacturing became their mainstay. The very geographical nature of the territory dictated that . . . mountainous and filled with rivers that could be dammed for power. The south, on

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OLD
PEDDLER
CRIES



SCISSORS to GRIND!

Jingle, Jingle, goes the Bell.

Any Razors or Scissors,
Or Penknives to grind?
I'll engage that my work
Shall be done to your mind.



LOCKS OR KEYS.

"Any Locks to repair? Or
Keys to be fitted?"

Do you want any Locks
Put in goodly repair?
Or any Keys fitted,
To turn true as a hair?



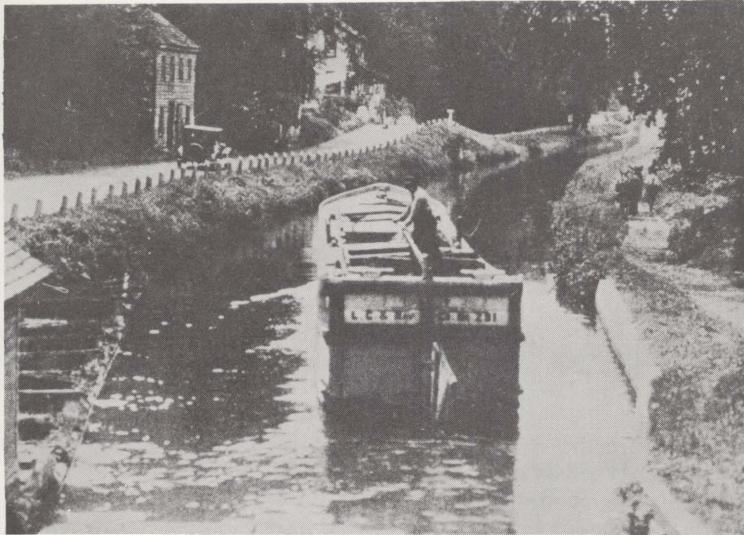
HOT-CORN!

"Here's your nice Hot Corn!
"Smoking hot! piping hot!
"O what beauties I have got!"

Here's smoking Hot Corn,
With salt that is nigh,
Only two pence an ear,—
O pass me not by!



THE PACK PEDDLER



A barge winding its way up the Delaware Canal early in the century. Note mule team on right and old car on River Road at left. (Photo courtesy Flora K. Henry)



REMEMBER WHEN mule driven barges made their way up and down the Delaware Canal? Dredges like the one pictured above were a common sight along the canal, keeping it open for the flow of traffic. (Photo courtesy Flora K. Henry)

The DELAWARE CANAL

BY

DAVID LEVENTHAL

Many are the Bucks County residents who have cast a line into, taken a walk along, or driven by some portion of the Pennsylvania canal. Few know that this over-sized trench exists because of a driving group of businessmen who capped their campaign with one of the most blatant lobbying efforts in Pennsylvania history.

When New York unveiled a

plan for a man-made waterway to the west, the belly-laughs that rolled up from Pennsylvania formed a tidal wave of ridicule, and flooded our northern neighbor with scorn. However, in the early 1820's, when the Erie Canal was completed, comedy swiftly gave way to gloom. The suddenly astute Pennsylvania businessmen realized that this construction to the north provided New York

with the means of stealing a large share of our western trade.

Late in 1824, a small number of Philadelphians banded together in an organization they called the Pennsylvania Internal Improvement Society (P.I.I.S.).

The group began arousing interest among the populace via petitions that agitated for internal improvements. A special emphasis was placed on the need for a canal and railway cross-state transportation system. Their newspaper connections gave them good editorial backing with the most notable contributions coming from the U.S. Gazette.

Through 1825, public meetings were arranged all over the state. No matter which economic bracket was present, the financial gain they would reap from a canal was readily and always competently made apparent to them. Farmers would have increased demands for the fruit of their fields, which would engender brisker sales and higher prices. Merchants and traders would be able to extend their commerce. This would ensure more certain employment and better pay for the manufacturer and the mechanic. Since the overall economic structure would be rising, the capitalist could get a higher interest rate and the landlord's rents should climb some 25% or 30%.

As the months rolled by, the clamor for a state-financed canal grew in leaps and bounds.



Barge No. 276 near Smithtown on the Delaware Canal (Photo courtesy Flora K. Henry)



No stone was left unturned in the exertions of the P.I.I.S. to bring this bill to the state legislature. They even sent Wm. Strickland, an architect and engineer, to England, Wales, and Scotland to collect information on the construction of canals, roads, railways, bridges, steam engines, etc. When he returned, the investigation's results were spread, by every available means, to all corners of the state.

All opposition was bowled over by this steam roller organization. The last opposing forces succumbed at the final public hearing which was held in Harrisburg, right under the noses of the governing body.

The Harrisburg affair was the piece de resistance of the drive. There, the friends of internal improvement successfully rebutted all arguments against a Penn-

sylvania canal. Many citizens favored private corporation expense as they feared an increase in taxes. There were those who contended that Philadelphia would be the major beneficiary, while others thought the project would be unfair to the turnpikes. There even were arguments against backing the canal for fear of destroying the existing political parties and creating an Improvement party.

Adding to the above difficulties was the generally spread opinion that the action of this three-day convention usurped the state's rule.

The year-long effort was brought to a fruitful conclusion when the bill was proposed in the state legislature on December 6, 1825. The final approved version was signed by Gov. Andrew A. Shulze on February 25, 1826.

By 1840 the system had 606 miles of canal and 118 miles of railroad. The original cost estimate had been placed at \$5,000,000. The total cost exceeded \$32,000,000. Construction was halted when they saw that the tolls could not cover expenses or interest payments and the state defaulted on the bonds it had sold to pay for the system.

The Delaware division was leased to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. in 1866 and was operated until they folded in 1932.

Although the project appears to have been a gross misadventure, it did capture a large part of the trade from the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys and helped in the development of our state.

The section from Bristol to New Hope was cut in 1831 and continued to Easton in 1832. This portion of the system was and

is known as the Delaware canal. Its only toll station was in New Hope.

In 1854 a lock to provide access to the river was constructed at New Hope. Of 23 locks in the system, numbers 8 to 11 can be seen in New Hope, just north of Malta Island. An interesting note is that the construction of the canal provided Malta with a permanent connection with the mainland and eliminated it from island ranks.

Mule-drawn barges are again plying their trade out of New Hope from April 1 to November. Regular public excursions take an hour-long, four-mile trip and private parties can travel some 11 miles up the canal in about five hours.

Today the only barges that "plow the canal" are private tourist barges owned and operated by Pete Pascuzzo of New Hope. The barges go from New Hope to Center Bridge and give tourists (and natives) a "feeling" of days gone by.



Homemaker Chats

by Judith Smith

Many of us waste our hours of leisure, complaining that "there's nothing to do". From time to time we are all guilty of this misdemeanor, but there is no good reason for idle hands.

Anyone with the least bit of imagination can find a useful hobby in handwork. Young girls, especially should take advantage of the opportunity to add articles of lasting beauty and value to their hope chests by adopting such a hobby.



Recently I had a most pleasant visit with Mrs. George Slotter, owner of the Fountain House, in Doylestown. Through the years the Fountain House has known much excitement with patrons like Kathryn Hepburn, Ralph Bellamy and Oscar Hammerstein (who, in-

cidentally, wrote some of the words for "Oklahoma" during his stay at the inn).

In the midst of this excitement and her busy days making the guests comfortable, Mrs. Slotter has done a startling amount of handwork . . . knitting, crocheting, and needlepoint. Her home and those of her children are decorated with the fine work that she has made. "I must be busy all the time!" Mrs. Slotter explained.

Over a period of twenty-five years, Mrs. Slotter has made needlepoint covers (each one taking approximately ten days to complete) for sixty-four chairs. Mr. Alvin Landis, Souderton, has mounted these covers on lovely antique chairs, making quite a unique collection for Mrs. Slotter. The DuPont Corporation wanted to buy these chairs a few years ago, but she would not give them up. I can't say that I blame her!

While visiting with Mrs. Slotter, she showed me several footstools, firescreens and a framed picture (see photo) all displaying her fine needlepoint work.

Needlepoint is not a difficult hobby. It is, is any hobby, moderately expensive but the results are well-worth the expense.

"Prospective brides should seriously consider a hobby of this sort" Mrs. Slotter said. For the artistic works that will be yours will give you much more

satisfaction than any manufactured articles that find a place in your new home. Handmade articles that you spend time on are so much more personal and you will have created them all by yourself!

"warmer-upper" after a snowy evening of fun. Add spices and golden slices of lemon to heated tomato juice. If you haven't tried it . . . you're in for a treat!

Hospitalized Service Men and Women Look to Red Cross For Fun and Games

Mrs. Eugene Roberts, New Hope, who makes it her business in the name of the Upper Bucks County Branch of the American Red Cross to answer requests from hospitalized service men and women, needs the help of Bucks County people.

Patients in the nearby army and navy hospitals have many long and lonely hours to spend, waiting for something to happen. Many of them have neither friends nor relatives, and some of the younger men are far from home. Jigsaw puzzles are in constant demand, as are playing cards. Mrs. Roberts will appreciate it if people will take their used playing cards, making sure there are fifty-two cards in each deck, and jigsaw puzzles to the Red Cross Headquarters in the Schwartzlander Building in Doylestown. Also, she says that pencils are appreciated, either long or short, just so they write, and as many

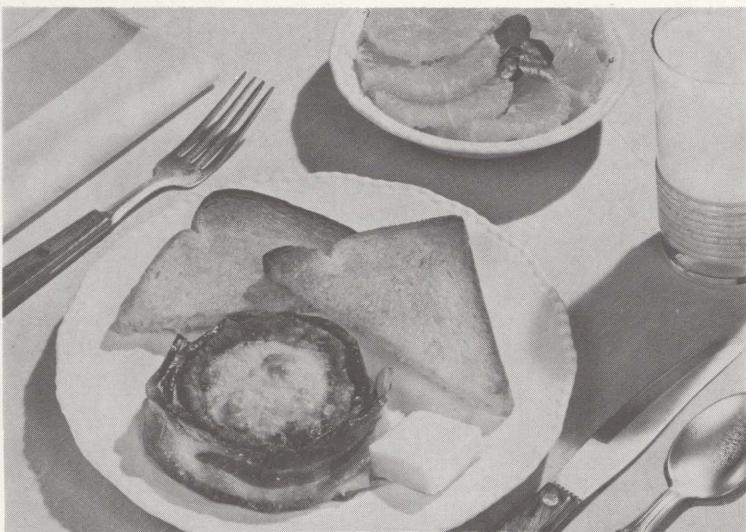
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A New Idea For a Winter Snack

This is the season for sleigh rides, snowmen and skiing. People love to get together for sledding and refreshments by an open fire when winter winds begin to shrill their chilly songs. Next time the crowd stops at your home to get out of the cold, why not serve hot tomato juice? This is a tasty





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For a hearty breakfast, here is an eye-catcher that is loaded with nutrients, and is easy to prepare. Hash 'n Bacon Cups! This breakfast will see the hurrying man, the dashing pupils, and the busy homemaker off to an excellent start on any demanding day. The Hash 'n Bacon Cups can be prepared the night before, and held in the refrigerator with the eggs to be added later. Served with hot, buttered toast slices, fruit juice and a beverage, it is really a Yummy Breakfast!

1 pound can corned beef hash
8 slices of bacon
4 medium eggs, beaten

Remove corned beef from can and cut it into 4 (1 inch) slices. Place in a shallow baking pan. Wrap 2 slices of bacon around hash, fastening it with toothpicks. Hollow out the center of the slice, and form a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch rim with the scooped-out hash. Fill hollow with beaten eggs. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) for 25 minutes.

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Hospitalized

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paperbacks as possible.

Doylestown, Wycombe, and New Hope Districts raise considerable money each year, as a project aside from the March fund drive, and this money is spent monthly in buying recordings, socks, candies and special treats for the birthday boys and girls, but there is never enough money to keep up with the requests for books, pencils, cards and jigsaw puzzles.

Mrs. Roberts who makes a point of visiting the different service hospitals in our area feels that it is this sort of giving which makes the services people realize that they have not been forgotten by the folks at home.

God gave us two ends: One to sit on, the other to think with. A man's success depends upon which he uses most. Heads, you win; tails, you lose.

March Wind

A foreground glorified with spires, Yellow gray and chalky white;
The middle distance buff and gray, Murky with a misty light;
The farther hills a darker gray;
Inky clouds of gust-wind high;
Then, perfect touch for human warmth,
Two silver doves across the sky!

—Gladys M. Walley

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An Editor Reminices

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Mrs. King is now able to be up but is not very strong down-stairs.

Dear Editor—Take my pigs out of your paper they are all went.

Notice—The minding other people's business guy who stopped at a certain place on Monday evening to see whose machine was parked their, will kindly call at the door the next time and we will tell him who is their to help him out of his trouble.

James Brown the creamery man is confined to his bed with a little improvement.

Joseph Cord, 28, and father of 5 small children, killed himself yesterday with a bullet over his right heart.

It was a big time at church on Sunday. From all over there were machines almost two blocks long. It looked like a country fair.

Walter Peffer lost all his turkeys. When he went to look after them they was all dead. Something must have killed them.

Dear Editor: I am 76 years old and am going out to Indianapolis to meet my intended ideal which I met through a correspondence club, which accumulated in a romance of love. Notwithstanding my sad affliction which I have of being deaf as a doorknob my ladyfriend says it was no barrier where love existed. Please put this in your paper with a red streak around it. I be in to pay you when I get back.

Cold weather keeps right on, though sometimes a warm day or two slips now and then in.

Ye Ed's note: The foregoing were just a few of the many amusing news items submitted by men and women in their efforts to cooperate with the hometown newspaper. They meant well, bless their hearts, and by this time many of them have gone to their reward . . . and I may be told to go some place, too, after releasing these, It wouldn't be the first time!



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Rambling with Russ

by

A. Russell Thomas

SOMETHING NEW: On the way to Camp Hill Industrial School near Harrisburg in June, 1960, with Bucks County Sheriff Harold Dando, this scribe was made a "deputy sheriff on sight", in order to gain entrance to the institution and see how the routine rules are carried out. The Sheriff was returning a juvenile offender to Camp Hill from Bucks County.

Here we are, nearly two years later, an accredited deputy sheriff appointed by the same Sheriff Dando, with a badge, handcuffs, credentials and what-have-you. This reporter is proud of the fact that our appointment came from the only sheriff who was ever elected for a second term in office in Bucks county. We anticipate a lot of interesting assignments under our new boss. For more than 40 years, courthouse news coverage has been routine with this scribe, and although it may be strange for a time, to be sitting in the court room as a deputy sheriff, my connection with the Fourth Estate will still carry on.

FEBRUARY DATES: 2d, Knights of Columbus founded; 12th Abraham Lincoln born 1809; 13th, dogs inducted into the Army K-9 Corps, 1942; 14th, St Valentine's Day and Arizona admitted as 48th state, 1912; 20th, Federal post office created, 1792; 22d, George Washington born at Pope's Creek, Va., 1732; 23d, Reading Terminal Market opened 1892; 27th, British voted for peace with America, 1782.

ODDS AND ENDS: Ernie Kovacs, cigar-chewing comedian who died January 13, was born in Trenton, the son of a Hungarian tavern-keeper, and once worked in a cigar store there . . . I knew him later as a columnist for a Trenton morning newspaper . . . The Doylestown Maennerchor that started as a German singing society, will observe its 75th anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th . . . For those who do not know it—for it was never published in the local press—the Bucks County Historical Society inherited \$25,000 in the will of Jacob Cope, of Sellersville, on condition that a "Jacob Cope Memorial Room" be established in the Mercer Museum (Doylestown), to house his books and other personal belongings . . . This has already been done, according to Society President Franklin D. Wood . . . The Doylestown Country Club will be guided this year by County Commissioner John Justus Bodley, who succeeds Bob Fighera . . . There will be plenty of golf activity this year with two new 18-hole golf courses, one near Montgomeryville and the other in the Jamison area . . . It seems to me that the club that succeeds will be the club that makes golfing reasonable to the average wage-earner.

ORCHIDS TO The Legion: We doubt whether any organization in Bucks county has a better record for community service than the A. R. Atkinson, Jr. Post No. 210, American Legion of Doylestown. Not because this reporter has belonged to the post for more than 40 years, but because the Legionnaires in Doylestown really do something worthwhile. The post is currently engaged in the fifth month of a campaign to raise money to help the William T. Posnett family in Buckingham Valley, whose son, David was severely injured in a highway accident last Spring. Response has been gratifying but the post would like to increase its help. The committee in charge of the project has worked out a plan whereby motion picture

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A LOOK BACKSTAGE

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"Come Blow Your Horn" opened to notices somewhat better, for five weeks we gave away an average of two hundred tickets a night to get an audience into the theatre to laugh and to spread the word. In our case it worked and we're a big hit. Was it predictable? Probably not.

When the critics don't like

something, they usually have good reasons. If you can afford to find out whether you agree or disagree with them, that's fine. Most people, however, think twice before they spend the money for an evening in the theatre and they prefer to have the indorsement of the critics and their neighbors before they take the gamble that involves the cost of dinner, babysitter, transportation, late hours, theatre tickets and an unex-

pected expense that always turns up. They can't be blamed for this.

However, it frequently turns out that they disagree with the critics and even with their neighbors. There is no known cure for this. Still, from the producer's point of view, there is nothing like word of mouth. While critical notices are desirable, and in some cases essential, the most important thing is for people to tell people about a show. That's really what keeps it running and it makes every one happy on both sides of the footlights. After all, a show like "The Caretaker" may get brilliant notices from the critics but people obviously walk out of the theatre having loathed it since fewer people are going in each week and it is a financial disaster. But from examples cited above you can see that what you say to your friends after you see a show can mean thousands of dollars in the pockets of hundreds of people working in the theatre. So in the final analysis it's up to you. We are in your hands, at your mercy. You have the power to destroy us or perpetuate us. I hope you do the latter as joyfully as you do the former.

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HARVEST OF ICE

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foot square and as many feet deep was lined with stone until it reached the surface. Above ground it was made of wooden planks and covered with a steeply sloped "A" roof, with a door large enough for a man to enter. The roof and wooden sides were lined with boards for insulation. If the ground was level, dirt was packed around the sides for the same purpose. Cakes of ice were then stored in this building and packed in sawdust to keep them from melting.

Today butter is hard, lettuce is crisp and tender and the meat for Sunday's dinner does not spoil, but it is not kept that way by ice from the creek where we skate.

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Rich folks never experience the thrill of paying the last installment and it's getting to where poor folks don't either because they can't pay it.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

My first copy of "Panorama" reached me in October. It was a gift subscription from a former pupil of mine at the old Doylestown High School. I taught nineteen years in Doylestown (1926-1945).

When the November issue of Panorama arrived I immediately turned to the Column "Around Town".

My second interest after "Around Town" is Bob Brugger's column. I have long been a Brugger fan.

Taking a final look at the ads and pictures in the November issue, I recognized myself on the picture in front of Clymer's Store. I never worked at Clymer's store but I did do most of my shopping for the school cafeteria and myself at Clymer's.

I thoroughly enjoy Panorama and look forward to its arrival each month. It is just like a letter from my former students and friends.

Panorama is a natural for good old Bucks County, just the right setting.

Wishing you continued success.

Ella D. Dewees
Phoenixville, Pa.

Dear Mr. Alliger:

Many thanks for sending me copies of your attractive magazine, DOYLESTOWN PANORAMA. We are always glad to have publications like yours brought to our attention. Roy Kulp did a good job in telling about "our people," the Pennsylvania Dutch.

I like especially your happy combination of the historical and the contemporary in the magazine. This is a good diet. We need always to be reminding ourselves of the way we've come, and what our heritage is, so that we may better know how and where to go from here.

So my thanks and best wishes for your work.

Cordially yours
Wm. J. Rupp
Pennsylvania German Society
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Dear Dick,

We certainly enjoy your magazine and look forward to it each month.

Might I add, we like your editorials, especially about Bill Green.

Sincerely,
Miriam Montgomery

Dear Mr. Alliger:

We have received and read our November issue of PANORAMA. We do enjoy this magazine while home in Southampton, but it is doubly enjoyable while away from home, here in Florida.

Please do not miss sending our PANORAMA, and thank you.

Mrs. Raymond K. Altemus
Avon Park, Fla.

Gentlemen:

Just a line to say I fully agree with your recent article regarding Route #32, the River Road. We live just on a drive adjacent to Route #32, travel it every day and are familiar with it, have been for 26 years and we know what it is like.

I send my old copies of PANORAMA to a former neighbor that is now living in Florida and he likes it very much.

Give my personal regards to Russ Thomas and tell him I enjoy every word of "Old Time Doylestown." as he writes it in the PANORAMA.

Regards,
Fred Kittson
Point Pleasant

Dear Sir,

Did you ever have a feeling you should do something but didn't and later realized you should have followed your hunch as it would have been a good thing. Well that's me about Panorama. I saw No. 2 Vol. 1 at Cliff's Luncheonette and it seemed to me I should subscribe. Now I realize I should have, as they will be collectors items considering the amazing growth of your magazine. It really has become a most interesting and progressive magazine. So I am enclosing \$5.00 for a 2 year subscription.

I can't compliment you enough on your fine magazine. There are so many fine features. One, your forthright editorial comments. I like your taking up of relevant issues rather than writing essays which tramp on no ones toes.

Yours truly,
Jacob Fretz
Perkasie

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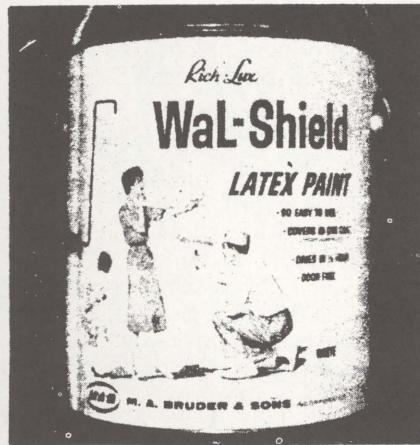
Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny.

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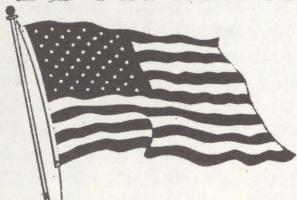
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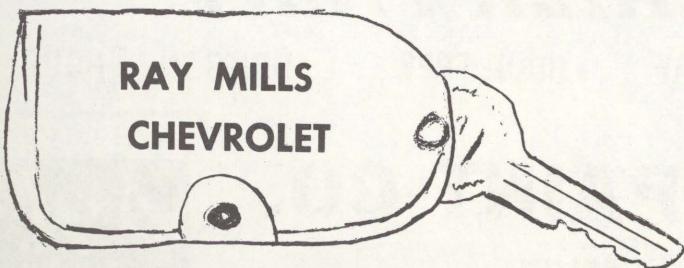
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RAMBLING WITH RUSS

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equipment will be "chanced off". We sincerely hope that this venture is entirely within the law and that all citizens will co-operate.

SENSIBLE JUSTICE: We cannot help but congratulate the president judge of the courts of Bucks county for his January decision to sustain the appeal of a Levittown radio broadcaster who was arrested for "desecrating the Sabbath" under the ancient Pennsylvania Blue Laws, when he made a commercial announcement over his radio station. The costs in that case should have been placed on the eager-Beaver justice of the peace and not the county of Bucks.

IT'S THE TRUTH: Edward L. (ED) Steckel, Maple Avenue, Doylestown, whom I called on some years ago for a donation for the brick building erected on the Burpee Memorial Playgrounds, is in his 93d year . . . Some years ago when this reporter was assisting in preparing a special edition commemorating 50 years as a daily, on the part of a local newspaper, Mr. Steckel told this reporter that he was in a Doylestown barbershop when the Rev. William A. Patton, then pastor of the Doylestown Presbyterian Church, came in with a copy of the paper.

"I admire the enterprise of a newspaper that will start an edition in a town the size of Doylestown and carry a lot of local news. (This is exactly what PANORAMA is doing.)

Electric light blazed for the first time in Doylestown on the night of September 30, seventy-five years ago in a test made by the Excelsior Electric Light Company at Doylestown's old spoke factory.

In his charge to the Bucks County Grand Jury at the September term of court 80 years ago, the late Judge Harmon Yerkes dwelt at length on the law against betting on the results of an election, calling attention that when the election time approached it would be well to remember that the offense of betting or offering to bet on a primary or general election was punishable by a fine of \$500. The fiery Democrat jurist, so far as we can find in the court minutes, never fined any of his own party for betting, but did impose a sentence or two on a couple of Republicans.

DID YOU ever know that Doylestown at one time had three daily and five weekly publications? The dailies were the Intelligencer, Democrat and Republican. The weeklies were Intelligencer, Democrat, Mirror, Express and Reform. Let's now add a real wide-awake monthly magazine—DOYLESTOWN PANORAMA.

DON'T FORGET: It was just 73 years ago that the Blizzard of 1888 hit this area on March 11, 12, 13, and 14. My Dad, I remember, described that blizzard as "IT". A well known Doylestown grocer had but eight customers on Monday of that week and a jeweler took in 35 cents during that same day. The first passenger train arrived in Doylestown four days after the blizzard started, in charge of Conductor Eddie Reckless. Many Doylestonians were storm-stayed at Lansdale for three days including Milton D. Tice, Irvin M. James, Clerk of Orphans Court Henry C. Bendere, William C. Newell, Augustus Walters, Fries Shive, Frank Williams and William Bregan.

The most remarkable journey made during the 1888 storm was accomplished by Dr. George Wright, of Doylestown, who arrived home on Wednesday morning from Columbus, N. J. He left that place about 8:30 Tuesday morning in the raging blizzard, and walked to Bordentown, five miles away. From there he took the train for Lambertville, reaching there at 2 p.m. Then he walked to Lahaska and after a short rest proceeded to the residence of T. Howard Atkinson, where he remained over night and then rode to Doylestown next morning on horseback.

IN ANSWER to many questions, this corner has been informed that our new \$7 million Court House will be ready for occupancy before July 1 this year.

brugger's bucks

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To-day's fashions will be back in 1987 (or so I keep telling my wife) but the Italians will influence milady's hair styling with the accent on the short, short cut. Twenty-five years from now it won't be "which one has the Toni?" . . . it'll be "which one is Tony?". What with our food coming to us in pill form, a man's suit of herring bone twill will be made of the real thing to save the fishing industry and to help subsidize an ailing agriculture, a GI's olive drab . . . well, let's not even think about it!

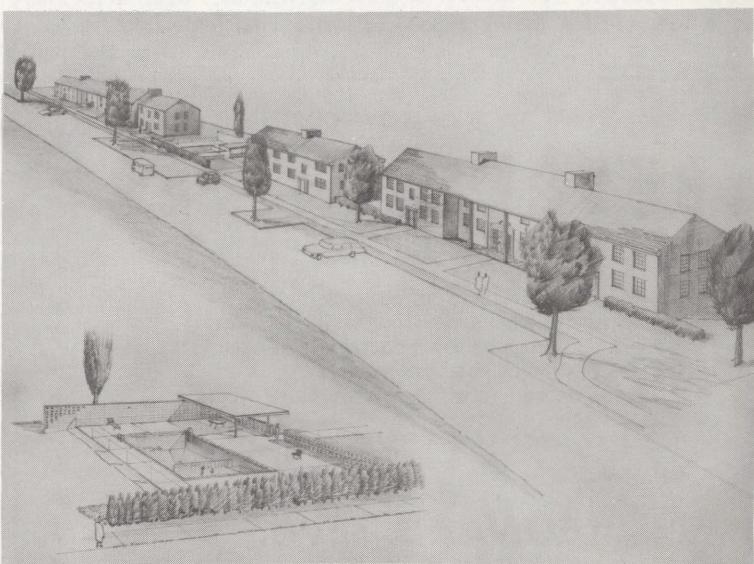
When they talk now about "pilot films" they ain't kiddin', brother. Television will be on the wide-wide screen: the sky. Yogi Bear and Leo, the MGM lion, will be in the zodiac and from atop the tower at Bowman's Hill viewers will be able to watch Geritol go down over Buckingham Mountain. (Holy Ted Mackerel!)

Motels will be built higher and higher and they'll be called *hotels*. Starflites, Galaxies and Comets will be household words and automobiles will get back to being called *cars*. An authentic Bucks County farmhouse (a picture-windowed rancher with a kidney-shaped pool) will be hard to come by but you might try Historic Levittown. For the most part, however, life in '87 will go along as usual. There will still be "dips" on Union Street and wrong-way one-way street signs, people in front of Weisbard's waiting for the Greyhound and kids on their knees reading comic books at Kenny's . . . Marge Shelley playing "God Bless America" and Scoop Trauch dashing down Printer's Alley, Sophie bundling another generation of youngsters across Court and an entire town somewhere else on a Wednesday afternoon in August.

There's a motto on our wall, up home in Pipersville, which didn't make much sense to me when I was a boy. It read, and it still reads: "TO-DAY is the TO-MORROW that

worried you YESTERDAY . . . and all is well". It has some meaning now and I know not what the gloom of doom merchants plan for their to-morrow . . . heck, they didn't give any of us much of a chance twenty-five years ago, either . . . but I'm just ornery enough to want to stick around and hope for the best. Here, try these glasses. You'll get used to the rose-colored view.

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Artist's Sketch of Hilltop House, a 40-apartment development scheduled for occupancy in Doylestown by next August. At left is swimming pool which will be available to tenants. The colonial buildings, to be constructed of brick, were designed by Warrington architect Stephen B. Hazzard.

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Several cars have been clocked at better than 100 mph with the average speed from 60 to 85 mph. Information is available from Ice Racing Enterprises, Pocono Pines, Penna.

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Sports Cars

Racing Motors

by

ROGER CONDUIT



In as much as I had planned to put the "Racing Motors Spotlite" on the TR-4 this month I was very interested in the article that appeared in the February issue of ROAD & TRACK. However, after reading the article, I was not too sure whether I had chosen the right automobile. The test indicated that the TR-4 left much to be desired as a "new car". In any event, I gathered up my erstwhile collaborator, "dirty JACK FETTEROLF", and headed to ART MEYER's SPORT CAR CENTER in New Hope for a closer look at the latest entry into the sports car field by the Standard—Triumph Co., Ltd.

As you can easily see from the above picture, the TR-4 in no way resembles the TR-3. In fact, if you were to compare the overall lines of the TR-4 to another car in the Triumph line, it would have to be the popular HERALD.

The fender line is straight from front to back which envelopes the door into the overall lines. The rear end is also squared off a little which allows a much larger trunk area. However, the big news in the design is up front. TR

owners who have stuck by the TR-2 and TR-3 will finally be happy to find that the headlights have finally been moved down into the grille and are now a part of the basic design of the automobile. Heretofore, when looking at a roadster of this make you were reminded of a large creature with eyes protruding from the top of its head. This is no longer the case. Overall, Michelotti, the Italian designer responsible for the "new look", should be congratulated.

Once inside the automobile, you find several resemblances to the predecessor. The dash has not been changed too much. The speedometer and tachometer are still in "black and white" and located directly in front of the driver which makes them easily visable. Of course, the usual lights (i.e. high beam, generator, and turn signal indicator) are located within this cluster. The guages are grouped in the center of the dash and include temperature, oil pressure, fuel, and ammeter. On the right, is an adequate glove compartment. The only other throwback inside is the design of the

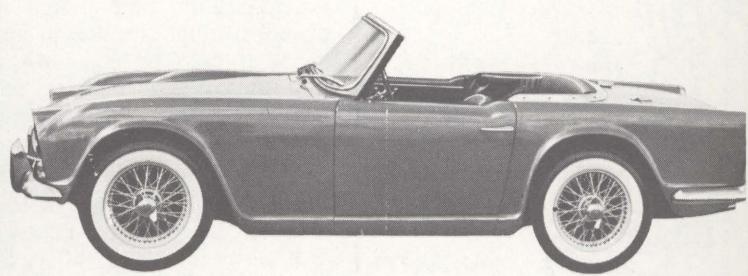
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"buckets".

Now, Mr. Michelotti again takes over with great fanfare. He introduces the Italian idea of illustrated levers for lights, choke, wipers, and wind shield washers; and places them directly under the guage cluster in the center of the dash. Personally, I never liked the idea of the illustrations in the Italian cars, and I like it even less in the English. However, this is strictly a matter of personal taste. As this same design is carried through in the heater levers, it does not take away from the overall interior design. Even if it did, the new wind-up windows would more than compensate for it.

Another new feature in the dash, is the addition of two fresh air vents, one at each end. These allow sufficient air to circulate through the car when you are forced to have the top up. Along the same lines, the heating system is extremely adequate.

Now that we have fully digested the scenic beauty of the automobile, let's take a ride. We'll let Jack drive because he's the automobile genius and besides, he is getting bored with all this talk about the looks.

Being a former TR-3 owner, Jack was thoroughly surprised as well as amazed with the "new ride". While still being firm, it was not hard. Of course, there was the average sway in the corner, but it was not pronounced. But above all, a rough road did not mean a session in a cement mixer. The ride was smooth and enjoyable.

The steering was very quick and sure, which, my technical friend tells me is due to the new rack and pinion construction. (Isn't that wonderful) Seriously though, this new feature is a welcome change that was sorely needed. The breaking system is typically Triumph and therefore, very good. With discs on the front and drums on the back, you stop when you want to and experience absolutely no pulling or bucking.

By the time we arrived back at the Sport's Car Center, we decided that the ride was far superior to the TR-3 in all respects. Of course, when we got back, Jack had to lift the

hood so he began to look for the Standard Triumph tool which has been needed for the last five years or more. But he was quick to discover that it was not needed in the TR-4.

Once under the hood, he immediately recognized the engine as there have been very few outward changes. However inside, we have the following differences:

TR-3

Engine Displacement:

1991 c c

Maximum Break H. P.:

100 @ 5000 RPM

Maximum Torque:

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TR-4

Engine Displacement:

2138 c c

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105 @ 4750 RPM

Maximum Torque:

1540 lb/in. @ 3350 RPM

Other changes, all for the better, were: easier engine accessibility, a redesigned transmission, and a changed wiring system.

We fully expected a great change in the price tag, but here again were pleasantly surprised. The basic cost (with disc wheels) was \$2849 POE. To this add the following optional equipment which was on the model tested: heater (\$65), Screen washer (\$10), Tonneau Cover (\$35), Wire wheels (\$110), and Michelin X tires (\$35). Totaling these together, you come up with the overall cost of only \$3104.

Now, go back over this thumbnail report, and count the number of new features in this automobile and decide for yourself whether or not the TR-4 is a new car. We feel

that it definitely is.

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Now let's take a look around . . . Congratulations to local sports car buffs, BLAIR LIVEZEY and PAT WOOLLEY, who merged forces back on January 13th . . . (easier to get accommodations at the races this way) . . . Glad to see BUCKINGHAM SCC adding competition via the gymkhana route to their 1962 schedule . . . ROSE TREE SCC putting final touches to their 8th ALL-nighter . . . 1962 NEW HOPE AUTO SHOW to feature a revised Sports Car Program. Yes, the beauty contest will still be included . . . NOTICE to HARRY DAGER at WALLER MOTORS: Prep a Mark II MGA, the Roadtest team will be down to put it through the paces for the MARCH issue . . . Speaking of the March issue, your writer is preparing a feature which should be of interest to all who use Nightmare Alley. The title, ROUTE 32, RIVERSIDE or SUICIDE . . . Welcome home to two local buffs, namely BETSY WOOLLEY and JEANNE (WENNER) DORMER, who paid us visits from Florida and California during the past month. It's always nice to see old faces especially when they are a pair of good-looking girls . . . An old friend, CHARLIE BEIDLER, stopped by the office the other day and informed me that the Pennsylvania Hill Climb Association was making up their 1962 schedule. I'll try to get more information on this for the next issue . . . first climb on the schedule is at Springtown on April 14th & 15th . . . That's it for now . . . See you next month . . .

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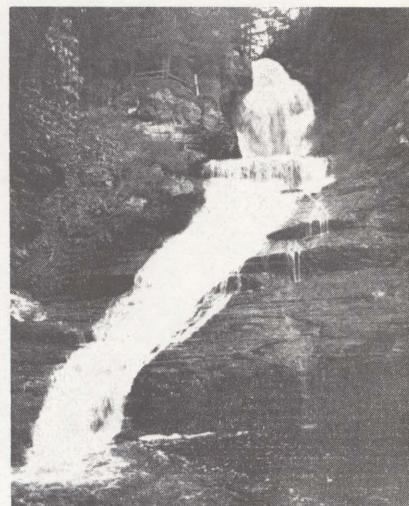
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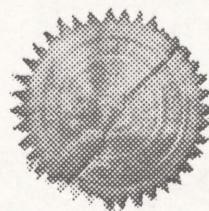
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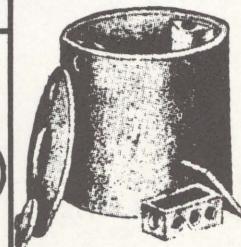
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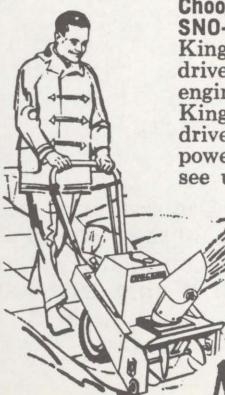


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Remember The Peddler?

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the other hand, was strictly agricultural with its rolling green fields perfect for growing crops. Here the towns were wide-spread. In New England the towns were close together, so here the peddling business began. It thrived for centuries all through Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania.

The earliest peddler was a manufacturer, a salesman and a transportation agent all combined in one man. Later, he began to be employed by a manufacturer and he served as salesman and transportation agent. By the early 19th century, the peddler often was a business unto himself, financing his own stock, buying from the manufacturer on time payments.

Many great business men started out as peddlers. Bronson Alcott hawked tinware and almanacs from door to door, Benedict Arnold sold woolen goods . . . stockings, caps, mittens. He also traded in Canadian horses. B. T. Babbitt, the soap manufacturer, was a notions peddler as a young man. John Boynton who later endowed Worcester Polytechnic Institute founded in 1865, acquired his first income as a maker and peddler of tinware.

What was the early peddler of the 1700s like? He was a young man full of courage, adventure and physical stamina. He had to carry a trunk of wares on his back, walking on foot over Indian trails. He had to face the dangers of long and solitary wildernesses between towns. He had to meet up with beasts and Indians. He had to supply his own food and sleep in the open.

The young peddler of this day, however, seldom kept to his trade all his life. He surveyed the prettiest girl and the town most likely a good market and there he would settle down, opening a general store. In this way he passed from the class of tricky Yankee peddler to a respectable merchant.

As time passed and roads became safer, the peddler changed. He became an older man. Usually he was a man incapable of any other work. He was



THE BASKET-PEDDLER AND HIS CART

often a vagabond, a ne'er-do-well. Though many went afoot, most became horse and cart peddlers.

Although the peddler of all of our yesterdays had the reputation of being a tricky bargainer, he was also a welcome visitor. He added excitement to every town and to every home he entered. To the village green where he sometimes opened his wares, the townspeople flocked when they heard he'd arrived. On the farm, when the rattle of his pack or his cart would be heard, the excited cry would go up "The peddler's coming!"

He might be a notions peddler with an assortment of pins, needles, scissors, razors, combs, buttons, spoons, small hardware, children's books, lace, perfumes. He might be a specialized dealer such as a clock peddler or a tin peddler or a specialist in chairs, spices, dyes, woodenware, pottery, brooms, books. He might even be a big-scale peddler bearing washing machines, spinning wheels, cabinets or even sleighs and carts lashed together in his wake! Whatever he sold, whoever he was, he was a breath of freshness from the outer world. He bore tidings of recent events and news of friends and neighbors in other towns. He was the roving reporter of yesterday!

What happened to the peddler?

The very circumstances that created his existence, lent to his downfall. The progress of a nation supplying its own manufacturing needs, improving its

traveling conditions, its transportation etc. put him on the road to begin with. They also took him off, for progress in roads and cities and transportation facilities made it unnecessary for products to be brought to the door. People were able to get them for themselves.

Isolated communities became a thing of the past . . . and the peddler along with them. Laws to protect the towns' merchantmen came into being almost from the very beginning, taxing the peddler. Today, signs stand in nearly every community . . . "No peddling allowed."

Still in all, one has to stop to decide . . . is the quick trip in the station wagon over to the shopping center nearly as much fun as the thrill of the peddler stepping into your living room with a mysterious pack bursting with colorful gingham, sparkling china, shining utensils . . . and always a story of some far-away town of his youth thrown in?

Is there an American who remembers who doesn't miss the thrill of the cry "The peddler's coming!"

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